Solo Leveling

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MONARCH OF SHADOWS...
WHY DIDN'T YOU CONTACT US DESPITE GATHERING AN ARMY OF THAT SIZE?

THE ICE ELF HE HAD FAILED TO EXTRACT A SHADOW FROM.

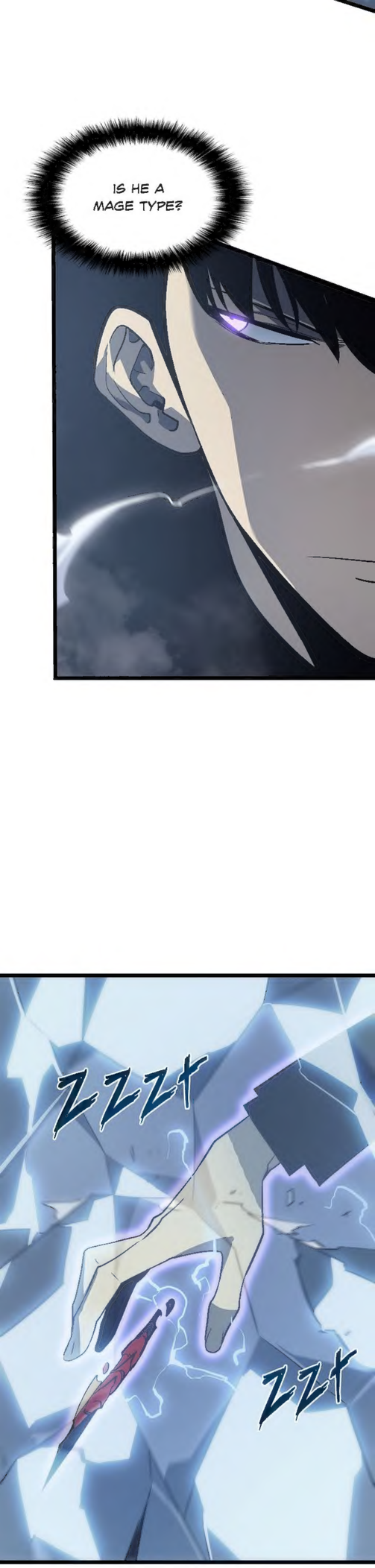
COULD IT BE...?!
JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO FORGET...
ARE YOU THE... "CRUCIAL VARIABLE" HE WAS TALKING ABOUT?!

HAAH

CRACKLE

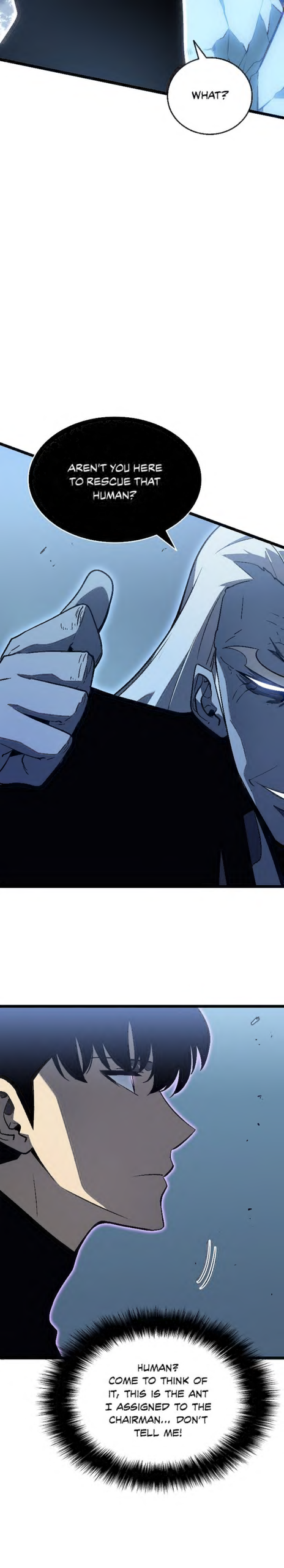
BLAST

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM


IS HE A
MAGE TYPE?
ZZZT
ZZT

SHATTER

...THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY. I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT WITH MY LIFE ON THE LINE.


WHAT?
AREN'T YOU HERE TO RESCUE THAT HUMAN?
HUMAN? COME TO THINK OF IT, THIS IS THE ANT I ASSIGNED TO THE CHAIRMAN... DON'T TELL ME!

CHAIRMAN GO GUNHEE?!
CLATTER

NOW
CHOOSE.

FIGHT AGAINST ME,
OR RESCUE THAT
HUMAN.

SWOOSH
[SKILL "THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]
SWISH

[YOUR OPPONENT'S MANA IS RESISTANT TO THE COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY.]
CLANG

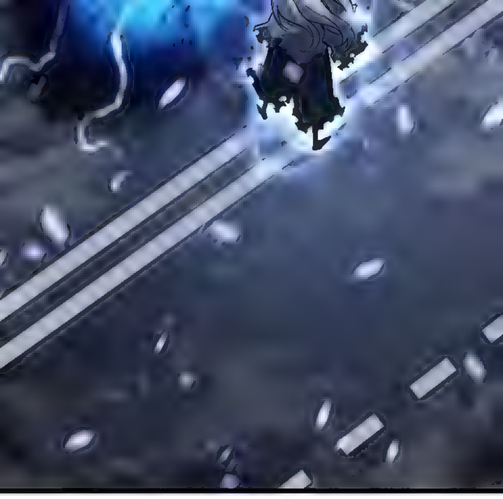
PRESS
LEAP
CRACK

ZWISH
PIERCE

WHOOSH

CLANG

KA
BOOM!
VMMMM



Fzzzzz

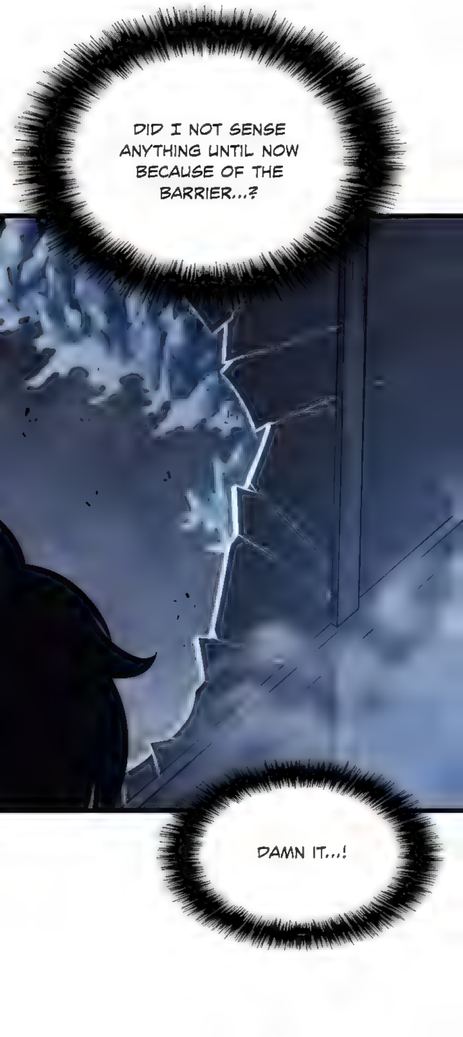
DAGGER RUSH!
WHISH
[SKILL: "DAGGER RUSH" HAS BEEN ACTIVATED!]

URGH!
STAB
CLASH
CLINK

A MERE VESSEL ACTUALLY MANAGED TO INFLICT A WOUND ON ME.

VERY WELL!
SHWWP
I, THE MONARCH OF FROST, WILL RETREAT FOR NOW AND WAIT FOR THE DAY YOUR SHADOW OPENS UP ONCE MORE.

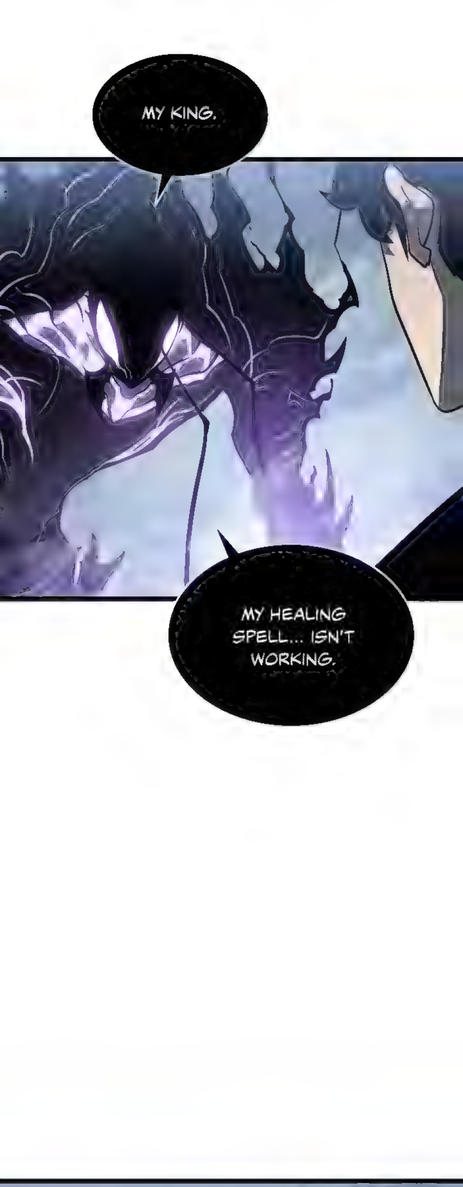
TAKE THAT SOON-TO-BE CORPSE AND ADD HIM TO YOUR ARMY OF DEAD SOLDIERS. CONSIDER IT A GIFT FROM ME TO YOU.
HA HA HA HA
THAT BASTARD!


DID I NOT SENSE ANYTHING UNTIL NOW BECAUSE OF THE BARRIER...?
DAMN IT...!

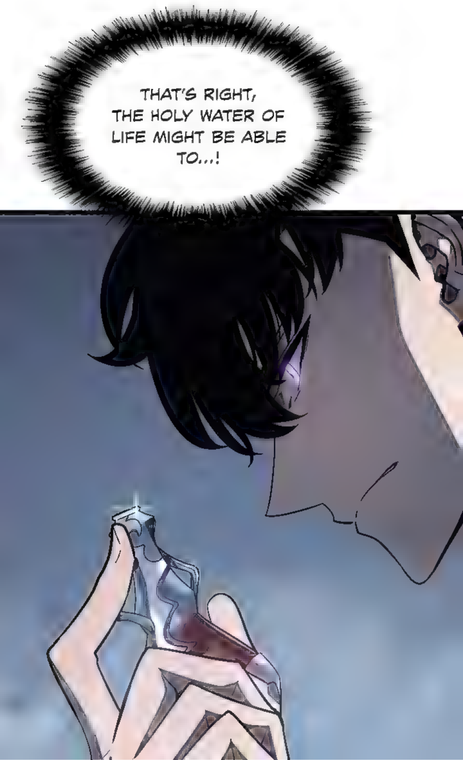
IT'S TOO LATE FOR A HEALING POTION.
BERU!!

SWOOSH

YOU CALLED, MY KING?
SHOOM
SAVE HIM, AT ALL COSTS!


MY KING.
MY HEALING SPELL... ISN'T WORKING.

HUFF
HUFF


THAT'S RIGHT, THE HOLY WATER OF LIFE MIGHT BE ABLE TO...!

...DON'T...

CHAIRMAN?!

...YOU CAME FOR ME. THANK YOU.

PLEASE HANG IN THERE. I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.
IT'S NO USE...
THERE'S NOTHING A HUMAN CAN DO ABOUT THE POWER THAT ATTACKED ME.
I CAME FACE TO FACE WITH THE WILL OF A SUPREME BEING.
THEIR PLAN, OUR REMAINING FOES AS WELL AS THEIRS...
THE THINGS WE MUST DO...
MR. GO!!

I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EXISTENCE... WHAT A TREMENDOUS RELIEF.

WHO WOULD'VE THOUGHT YOU'D POSSESS SUCH POWERS...?

THANK YOU, GOD...

TURNS OUT THE GATES AND DUNGEONS WEREN'T FOR THEM.
IT'S HOW THEY CHOSE TO PROTECT US, KHOFF...
VMMM

SOMEDAY... YOU'LL HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION.
BUT WHEN THAT DAY COMES...

...PLEASE CONTINUE TO STAND ON THE SIDE OF HUMANITY.

KHOFF,
I WANTED TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOUNG HUNTERS LIKE YOU.
BUT...
...THAT WAS NEVER GOING TO HAPPEN. NOT WITH A BODY LIKE THIS.

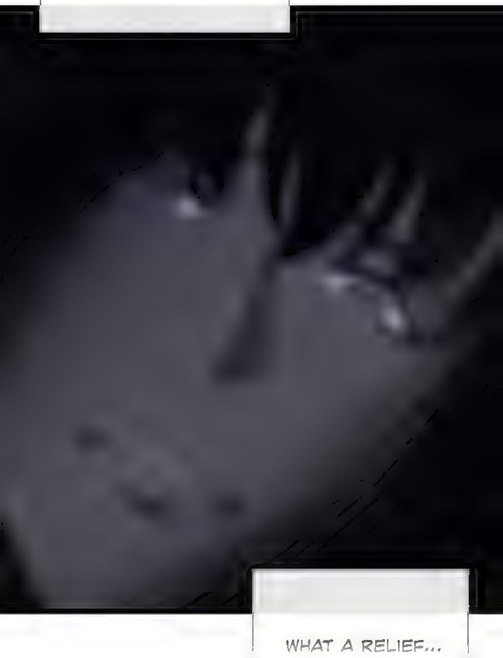
AFTER TENS AND THOUSANDS OF HEARTBEATS...

I KNEW I DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

BUT EVEN SO, MY HEART MUST HAVE KEPT BEATING NO MATTER HOW WEAK THE PULSE...

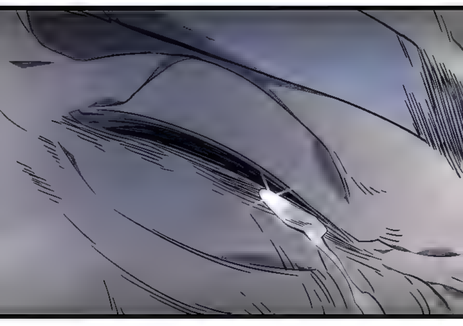
...SO THAT I COULD MEET YOU.

THAT'S RIGHT, IT WAS TO MEET YOU...



WHAT A RELIEF...

THANK YOU,
THANK YOU...



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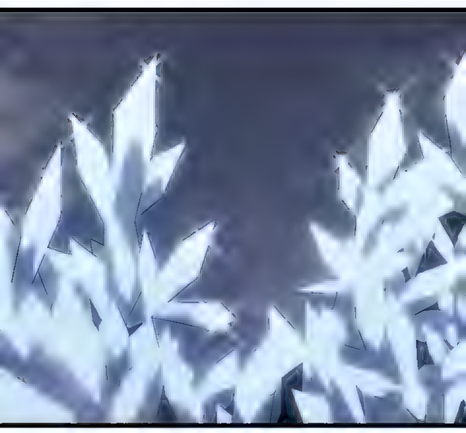
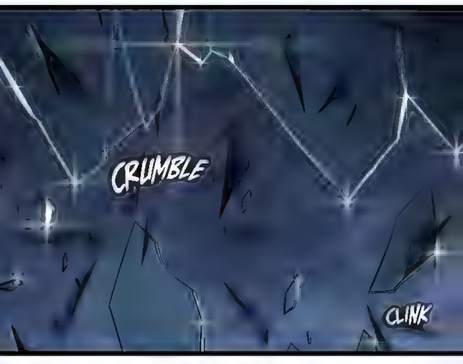
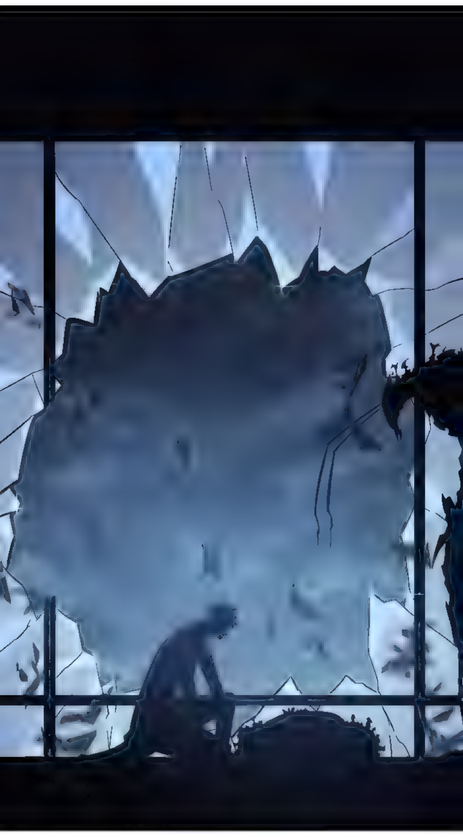
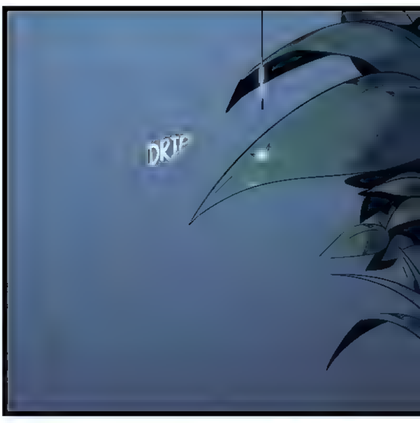


SHATTER
SHATTER

CRACK
CRACK


CRUMBLE
CLINK

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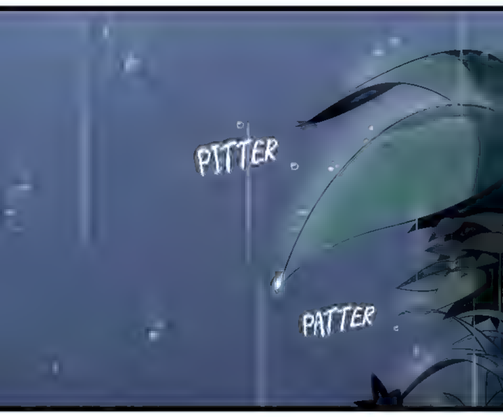
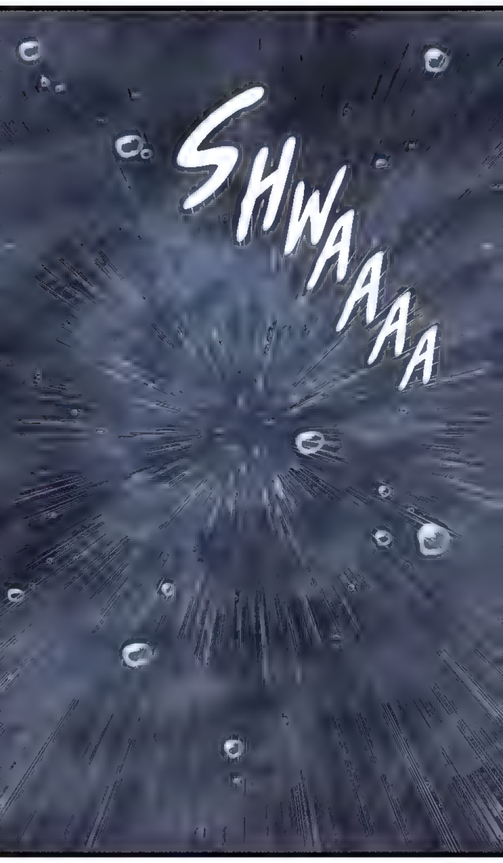

PITTER
PATTER


SHWAAAA

THE AUTUMN RAIN FELL FOR DAYS, ACCOMPANIED BY COLD GUSTS OF WIND...

...AS SEVERAL BREAKING NEWS STORIES APPEARED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF NEWSPAPERS AROUND THE WORLD.

BRAZIL'S GREAT HUNTER, JONAS, HAD BEEN FOUND DEAD BY A RIVER,

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOREAN HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED AFTER SUFFERING A STAB WOUND TO HIS CHEST...

...AND SUNG JINWOO HAD RETURNED TO KOREA.

CHRISTOPHER REED,

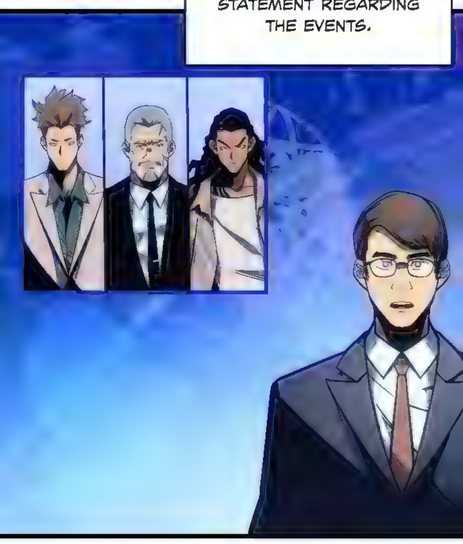
THE GREAT HUNTER, JONAS,

AND NOW GO GUNHEE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KOREAN HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION.

AFTER THE SUCCESSIVE DEATHS OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S BEST HUNTERS WERE REPORTED ON THE NEWS, THE WORLD FELL INTO A STATE OF PANIC.

MAJOR MEDIA OUTLETS FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE COVERED THE NEWS OF THEIR DEATHS FOR DAYS ON END...

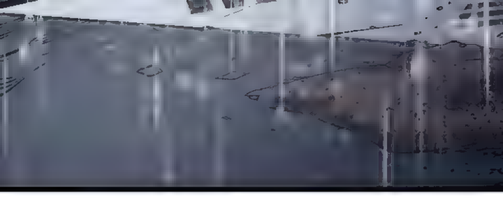
...AND THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF HUNTERS EVEN ISSUED A STATEMENT REGARDING THE EVENTS.



HUNTERS HAVE BEEN PROTECTING CIVILIANS FOR YEARS, BUT WHO WILL BE ABLE TO PROTECT THE HUNTERS?

THE DEATHS OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST HUNTERS...

...EVOKED A WHOLE NEW LEVEL OF TERROR.



SHWAAA

ARE YOU OKAY, MR. WOO?
PITTER
PATTER

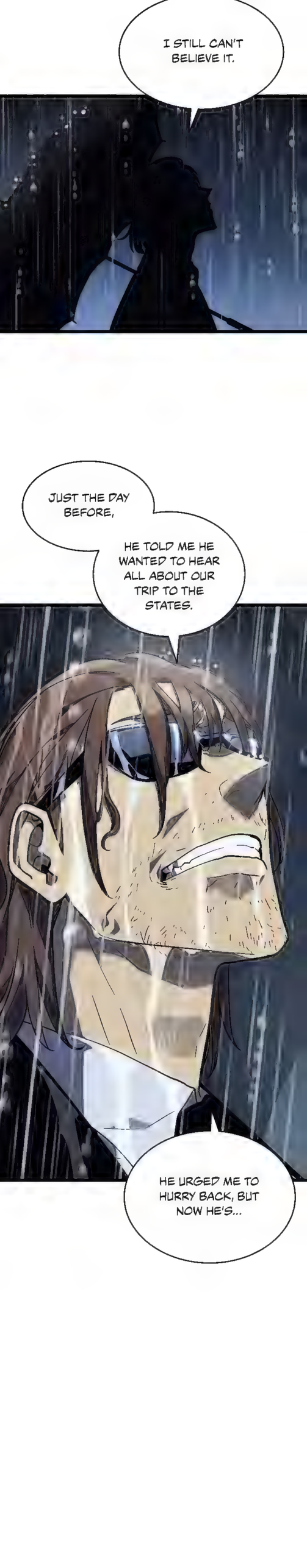
AH...
MY APOLOGIES,
MR. SUNG.

I'VE BEEN A
LITTLE OUT OF IT
LATELY...

THE BEAST THAT
MURDERED THE
CHAIRMAN...

WAS IT REALLY
UNSTOPPABLE,
EVEN WITH YOUR
POWERS?

BY THE
TIME I GOT
THERE, HE WAS
ALREADY...


I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
JUST THE DAY BEFORE,
HE TOLD ME HE WANTED TO HEAR ALL ABOUT OUR TRIP TO THE STATES.
HE URGED ME TO HURRY BACK, BUT NOW HE'S...

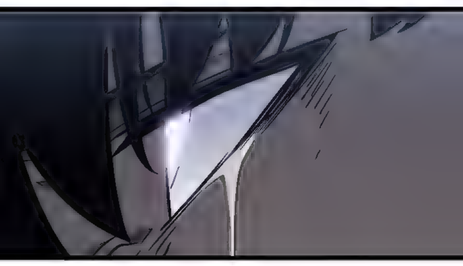
THANK YOU FOR BEING WITH THE CHAIRMAN IN HIS LAST MOMENTS.

NO.

I'M GOING TO KILL THAT BASTARD.

I SWEAR UPON MY LIFE I WILL KILL THE BEAST THAT MURDERED THE CHAIRMAN.
SO PLEASE DO NOT THANK ME UNTIL THEN.
SHWAAAA

COULD YOU GATHER THE REPORTERS FOR ME?



DESPITE
THE SOMBER MOOD
FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN
GO GUNHEE'S DEATH,
SBC
REPORTERS
FLOCKED TO THE PRESS
CONFERENCE.

A GROUP OF BEASTS WITH HIGH LEVELS OF INTELLIGENCE ARE TARGETING THE WORLD'S TOP-TIER HUNTERS.

THEY'RE STRONGER THAN ANY HUNTER OUT THERE, AND WILL USE ANY MEANS TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS.

YOU SAID A "GROUP" OF BEASTS...

DOES THAT MEAN THE BEAST THAT KILLED CHAIRMAN GO GUNHEE WASN'T WORKING ALONE?

THESE BEASTS USE MAGIC TO ISOLATE THEIR TARGET BEFORE ATTACKING.

SO FOR THOSE WHO THINK THEY MIGHT BE A POTENTIAL TARGET,

PLEASE STAY WITH COLLEAGUES WHO CAN PROTECT YOU.

I, THE MONARCH OF FROST, WILL RETREAT FOR NOW AND WAIT FOR THE DAY YOUR SHADOW OPENS UP ONCE MORE.

HE CALLED HIMSELF THE MONARCH OF FROST.

LIKE THE MONARCH OF THE BEGINNING AND THE MONARCH OF SHADOWS... HE ALSO CARRIES THE TITLE OF "MONARCH."

SO OF COURSE NOT EVEN THE STRONGEST HUNTERS IN THE WORLD COULD WIN AGAINST HIM.

BUT FOR THOSE...

...WHO DON'T HAVE SUCH COLLEAGUES,

THE BATTLE OF THE MONARCHS BEGINS.

To Be Continued...

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